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From: Bohlen, Steven@DOC
Sent: Tue 8/19/2014 6:38:49 PM
Subject: Re: Deliverables in response to 17 July EPA Letter to Secretaries Laird and Rodriquez

Thanks Mike,

As you will see in the plan, there are a number of issues we need to discuss and refine.

On the way to Bakersfield for meeting with McCarthy's staff. Will keep you posted.

Steve

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 19, 2014, at 10:57 AM, "Montgomery, Michael" <Montgomery.Michael@epa.gov> wrote:

Steve,

On behalf of Regional Administrator Blumenfeld, who is currently attending the Lake Tahoe Summit, we acknowledge receipt of these documents and thank DOGGR and the State Water Board for meeting the schedule outlined in our July 17 letter. We are actively reviewing the material and look forward to continued coordination on these important matters.

Thanks again,

Mike

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Sent: Monday, August 18, 2014 6:04 PM

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Subject: Deliverables in response to 17 July EPA Letter to Secretaries Laird and Rodriquez

Dear Mr. Blumenfeld,

This is in response to your letter of 17 July to Secretary Laird, California Natural Resources Agency, and Secretary Rodriquez, California Environmental Protection Agency.

Attached please find three documents, a list of wells for which injection into non-hydrocarbon producing aquifers has been permitted by DOGGR (in excel and pdf formats) and a draft work plan for the UIC Program to be finalized soon pending review and discussion with your staff.

We are making good progress with respect to your request for documents pertaining to State requests for aquifer exemptions, EPA's approvals or denials thereof and appeals. A good deal of documentation has been located responsive to the request, including some industry correspondence to Dave Mitchell in support of the appeal referenced in the Mitchell letters, extensive files on aquifer exemption requests made after primacy was granted, and significant other documentation. These are being delivered electronically to Mr. Moffatt of your legal office. Please note, however, that our search is not finished, and we anticipate encountering more documentation fitting your request going forward.

The continuing search for documentation notwithstanding, the attached and the documents

delivered to your legal office earlier today address the requested deliverables for the first 30-day period.

As you know I am new to my position and am learning rapidly the significant work ahead. What I am grateful for is the close working relationship that has existed, and is continuing to develop, between your EPA staff and DOGGR and State Water Board staff. Please be assured that the UIC Program, the program review, and potential regulation development that might be required following the review is a top priority for me and my colleagues.

We look forward to continuing our important work together, and I will be back to you thirty days hence with additional deliverables as requested in your letter.

I look forward to meeting you in person when the opportunity presents itself.

Best regards,

Steve

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